IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(original)   A device (1) arranged for receiving activation codes (20) and carrying out a check, for each activation code, whether the code was received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period, the device further being arranged for de-activating an application if the check fails.

2. (original)   The device according to claim 1, wherein the application controls the device itself.

3. (currently amended)   The device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further being arranged for receiving the activation codes by reading at least one token (2).

4.(original)   The device according to claim 3, wherein each token (2) contains a single activation code (20).

5.(original)   The device according to claim 3, wherein the token (2) is re-writable.

6.(original)   The device according to claim 3, wherein the token (2) is an optical information carrier, preferably an SFFO disc.

7.(original)   The device according to claim 1, wherein the activation codes (20) are constituted by strings of alphanumeric characters each comprising a serial number and/or a version number.

8.(original)   The device according to claim 1, wherein the application is a software application executed by the device.

9. (original)   A toy comprising a device (1) according to claim 1, the toy preferably comprising an artificial pet.

10. (original)   A mobile telephone comprising a device (1) according to claim 1.

11. (original)   An optical information carrier (2) for use in a device (1) according to claim 1.

12. (original)   A method of de-activating an application (3) or a device (1), the method comprising:
   - receiving activation codes (20),
   - carrying out a check, for each activation code, whether the code was received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period, and
   - de-activating the application or the device if the check fails.

13. (original)   The method according to claim 12, wherein the device receives an activation code by reading a token (2).

14. (currently amended)   The method according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the token (2) is an optical information carrier, preferably an SFFO disc.